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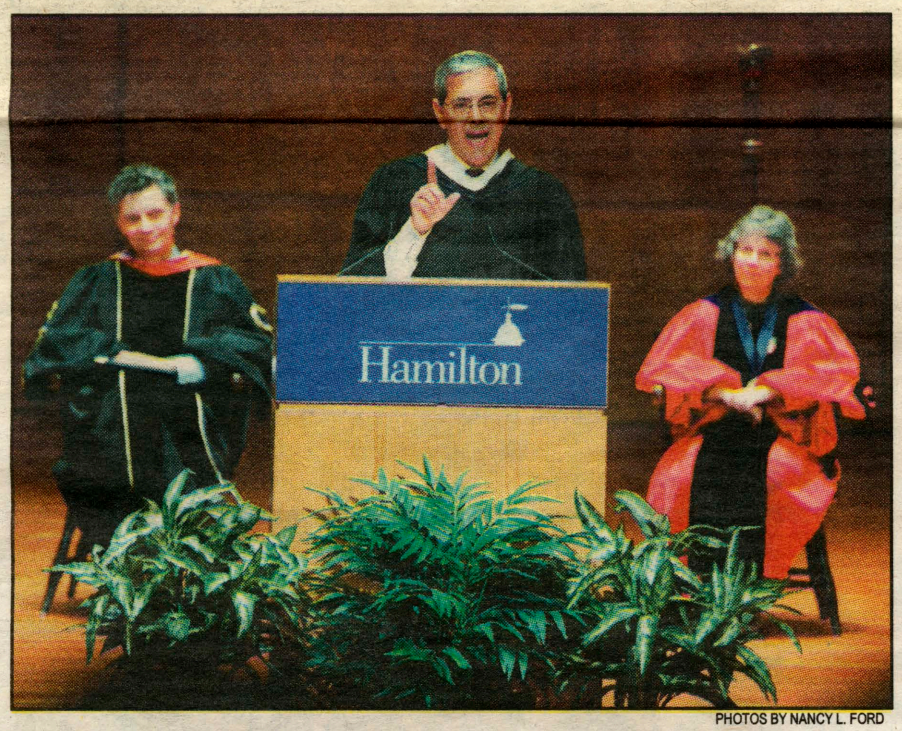
"Hang in there. You get surprised" Haddity '83 tells Class & Charter convocation

by Ben Fields '15
Editor-in-Chief

Surprise was the word of the day at this year's Class and Charter ceremony. Whether it was class of '83 alum John Hadity's speech or student and faculty awards, everyone left surprised. This year marked the 65th Class and Charter convocation—the tradition was started in 1950 by then-President Robert Ward McEwen—and was held for the first time in Wellin Hall. The ceremony began with a processional featuring the faculty, then student honorees and finally President Stewart, Deans Thompson and Reynolds, College Marshall Jane Watson Irving Professor of English Margie Thickstun and Associate Dean of Faculty Penny Yee joined Mr. Hadity on stage.

Perhaps the most whimsical part of the ceremony followed this processional, as Professor of Music Sam Pellman continued his processional and ended with a flourish after allowing Professor Thickstun to wait a little while at the podium.

As all official Hamilton College gatherings begin, so too did the Class and Charter ceremony, with Professor Thickstun banging her cane on the floor and announcing, "This assembly will come to order." President Stewart then introduced Mr. Hadity, warning the audience that they were likely to leave with aching jaws from laughing so much. Her affection for the outgoing Alumni Association President was evident, and it brought warmth to the stage.



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John Hadity '83 delivers the 2015 Class and Charter Day Address.

Delivering an address that he titled "The Underrated Element of Surprise," Mr. Hadity owned the stage and the room throughout his speech. He began by explaining how he loves surprises, explaining that part of his excitement in delivering the address was because the day is so full of surprises. As he detailed his history, and how he ended up as a film executive, Mr. Hadity was entertaining at times, reflective at other times, but overall explained that life is never quite what it seems. Ultimately he told the audience how much he did at Hamilton, and how much it meant to him, saying, "Anyway, my point is, I was in Heaven."

Through his time at Hamilton, he surprised himself by finding his love for film and the arts. More than anything, Mr. Hadity said, he found that he wanted an Oscar. This desire led him to go to New York City following his graduation, but he did not initially find a job in film. Rather, he explained, he sold toothbrushes on the fifth floor of Bloomingdales. Mr. Hadity paused during his speech to explain that during his early years in New York he came out, "which was a surprise, to NO ONE EVER!" He made a point to thank his partner Scott, despite the fact that he did not allow Mr. Hadity to line his academic regalia in Pucci or Armani.

In the end Mr. Hadity told his au-

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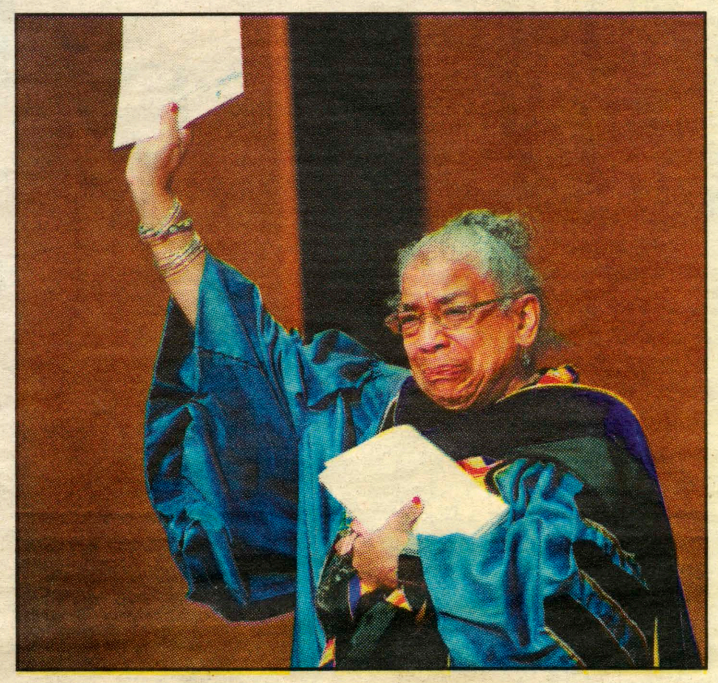

Professor Shelley Haley accepts the Samuel & Helen Lang Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

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Music and sun leads to great C&C concert

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Class & Charter Day Award Winners 2015

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Shannon Boley '17
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Christopher Bousquet '16
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Brady Bruno '17
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Eliza Burwell '17
Carrie Cabush '15
Leslie Campos '17
Madeline Carras '18
Charlotte Carstens '16
Ryan Cassidy '17
Malindi Chesnut-Tangerman '15
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Catherine Cooper '15
Mercedes Corredor '15
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Jennifer Crawford '17
Mary D'Ambro '15
Lisbeth DaBramo '15
Isabel Dau '15
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Reuben Dizengoff '15
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Caroline Grunewald '15
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Rujun Han '15
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Kelly Osterling '15
Matthew Palmer '16
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Courtney Power '15
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Samuel Reynolds '15
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Caroline Rudd '15
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College celebrates 65th Class & Charter Day

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dience that "The lesson here is they have got to believe in you (not your product)." Throughout his career, he has produced some flops—*Halloween 8* for example—but has never given up, and has made some amazing films as well—*Shakespeare in Love*. In the end, Mr. Hadity said, "That's my message. Hang in there. You get surprised."

After Mr. Hadity ceded the stage to President Stewart, the award portion of the ceremony began. A total of 164 students received awards ranging from academic distinction to campus service and more. After recognizing the various academic prizes and co-curricular awards, President Stewart announced the two special prizes Hamilton gives out each year: The Milton F. Filius Jr./Joseph Drown Prize Scholarship and The James Soper Merrill Prize. The Filius/Drown Prize is given to a junior who has "been very successful academically, who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities while at Hamilton and who is likely to make a significant contribution to society in the future." This year it was presented to Abigail Homer '16.

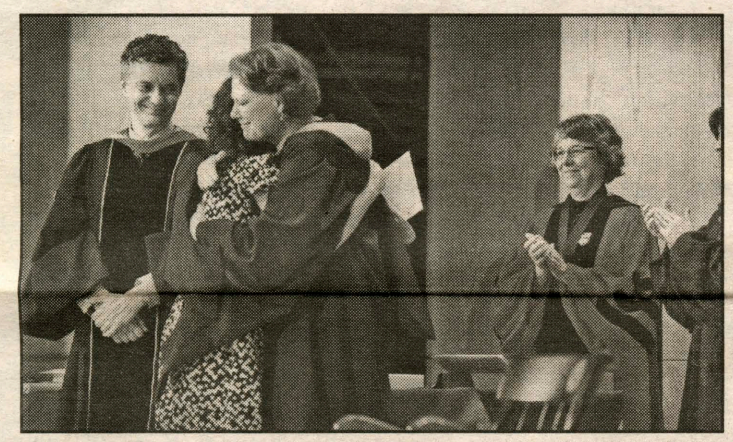
The highest honor awarded at Class and Charter Day is the James Soper Merrill Prize, given to a senior who typifies the highest ideals of the College. This year's winner, selected by the faculty, is Meghan O'Sullivan '15. In addition to receiving the award, O'Sullivan will speak at Commencement.

Following the student awards, Dean Reynolds presented five Scholarly Achievement Awards to: Tom Jones, Elias W. Leavenworth professor of anthropology, Associate Professor of History Lisa Trivedi, Professors of English and Creative Writing Doran Larson and Naomi Guttman and Assistant Professor of Art Rob Knight.

Four faculty members received distinguished teaching awards. Director of the Education Studies Program Susan Mason won the Sidney Wertimer Award, given by Student Assembly to someone who is recognized as a mentor and active participant at Hamilton. Assistant Professor of Mathematics Courtney Gibbons won the John R. Hatch Award, given to a tenure-track faculty member who has been employed by the College for fewer than five years. Max Majireck, assistant professor of chemistry, won the Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award.

Perhaps the most emotional moment of the ceremony came when Professor of Classics and Africana Studies Shelley Haley received the Samuel & Helen Lang Prize for Excellence in Teaching. After Dean Reynolds read several students' nominations of her teaching, he presented the prize to Haley. Overcome with emotion, Haley was given a standing ovation by the audience.

Just as it began, the ceremony ended with a banging of the cane and Professor Thickstun saying, "This assembly is adjourned."



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Soper-Merrill Award winner Meghan O'Sullivan '15 hugs Dean of Students Nancy Thompson.

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College hires new Career Center Director

by Sarah Larson '15
News Contributor

Hamilton's Vice President for Communications and Development Richard C. Tantillo's announcement of Sam Welch, Class of 1986, as Hamilton's new Assistant Vice President/ Executive Director of the Maurice Horowitch Career and Life Outcomes Center seems to complete the changes undergone by the Career Center this year. Beginning with the retirement of Mary McLean Evans '82 a year ago, Hamilton administrators rushed to fill her shoes.

On August 29, 2014, Tantillo assumed the added responsibilities as the interim Executive Director of the Career Center while he considered the future organizational structure for the department. He then hired Patrick Mullane in December to serve as interim executive director during this transition. Over winter vacation, Katie Cookingham Dugan (Class of '92) announced her retirement as a Consulting Counselor in Finance, Consulting and Business. Her void was filled by Mullane.

Around Evans retirement, Director of Health Professions Advising Leslie North also retired. Her position was filled by Leslie Bell in the interim. Recently, Leslie Bell was hired full time.

During the academic year, the center's name was changed to the Maurice Horowitch Career and Life Outcomes Center. Tantillo wrote that this change will "more fully reflect its mission." The career center website was "redesigned to more clearly reflect its focus and to streamline its navigation." According to Tantillo's email, Welch will likely continue to update the center. He will "provide strategic leadership for a comprehensive career center focused on serving students throughout their undergraduate years and beyond."

With a distinguished record in marketing, communications and advertising, Welch's BA in English and a minor in economics have helped him succeed in the job market—even without the aid of a career center. He has been an active volunteer with the College, serving as a leader for the Class of 1986 annual giving campaigns and reunion activites. Welch was most recently Global Group President for Publicis Healthcare Communications. He will assume his new position in June.

Commencement Weekend Highlights

Friday, May 22

5:00-7:00 p.m.
Casual Pub Gathering *(The Little Pub)*

9:30 p.m.
Fireworks Display *(Royce Field)*

Saturday, May 23

11:30 a.m.
Class of 2015 Tree Dedication *(The Kennedy Center)*

12:00 p.m.
A Capella Concert *(Wellin Hall)*

3:00 p.m.
Baccalaureate *(Field House)*

4:00-5:00 p.m.
Reception with Members of the Faculty *(Tent on Dunham Green)*

9:00 p.m.
Senior Concert *(Wellin Hall)*

Sunday, May 24

10:15 a.m.
Commencement *(Field House)*

Women's crew earns first NCAA bid ever

by Sirianna Santacrose '15
Managing Editor

Women's crew has made its mark on Division III sports this year, culminating in the announcement of its first NCAA bid in program history last Monday. The team's two Varsity 8 boats will travel to California at the end of this month to compete against top NCAA-returners Trinity, Williams and Bates, among others. The women's team is currently ranked first in New York State and No. 4 in the U.S. Rowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Division III Top 15 poll, which is its highest ranking to date.

On May 10, Hamilton's Varsity 8 came in fourth overall at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) National Invitational Rowing Championships, which were held on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, MA. The varsity boats upset Ithaca in both heats, which was a welcome result after losing to the team in previous weeks. Notably, the 4+ boat won its Petite Final, as well. This success followed the team's outstanding showing the previous weekend at the New York State Collegiate Rowing Championships, when it brought home the gold medal for the first time in Hamilton crew history.

PHOTO COURTESY OF EMMA ZANAZZI '15

The women's varsity 8 took gold at New York State Championships, a program first. They went on to a fourth place finish at ECACs.

For Head Coach Robert Weber, one of this season's highlights was back in March, when the Varsity 8 boat beat Bates, ranked No. 2 at the time, in the Memorial Murphy Cup Regatta. "This was a huge boost to their confidence levels, which just kept growing and culminated in winning the program's first-ever New York State Collegiate Championship title," he said. Earlier in the season, the Continentals also won regattas against Skidmore, William Smith, RIT, Union, St. Lawrence and Ithaca, amongst others.

> **"We're physically and physiologically capable of competing as medal contenders in California"**
> *—Karly Moore* **'15**

On May 29 and 30, the women's crew team will compete against top-ranked teams like Williams at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center in Gold River, CA. Williams won the NCAA DIII Championship every year from 2006-2013, upset only by Trinity last year. Although the Continentals did not beat Williams at the ECAC Championships, they did give the Ephs a run for their money and the rowers hope this will keep them on their toes during NCAAs. As Coach Weber described, "The biggest change I've seen this season is that they aren't intimidated by anyone. The V8 has beaten Bates, went toe-to-toe with Trinity back in April and gave Williams all they could handle in the heat at ECAC."

In preparation for the NCAA championships in two weeks, the team will continue to train and to focus on fitness and technique in order to improve its boat-speed. "We have been in a unique position all season because we are such underdogs," said senior captain Karly Moore. She added, "It will take a lot of mental toughness to bring home a medal, but we will use the next few weeks to train and get faster." Coach Weber similarly said, "We're physically and physiologically capable of competing as medal contenders in California but need to make some gains in mental toughness."

Coach Weber, who is in his first year as head crew coach at Hamilton, is extremely pleased with the team's progress this year. "I couldn't be more proud of this group of student-athletes. I feel like they are fulfilling their potential," he said. Moore praised Weber for his dedication to ensuring the team's success, adding, "He came in at an exciting time in our program and pushed us to be better athletes." Similarly, captain Rachel Landman '15 said, "Coach Weber did a great job at keeping us focused on the short term goals that we needed to accomplish before qualifying for NCAAs."

Based on its impressive successes already this year and its current rankings, women's crew is poised to make a memorable showing at this year's NCAA DIII Championship.

W. Lax stuns champions, heads to Sweet 16

by Joe Jensen '15
Sports Writer

Though many of the spring sports have wrapped up their seasons on the Hill, the women's lacrosse team is not ready to stop just yet. The Continentals recently obtained an at-large bid for the NCAA tournament, setting themselves up to meet their old rival, the two-time defending national champion, Salisbury University. As if simply advancing wasn't enough, the Continentals had a score to settle. Having played two times in prior tournaments with the Sea Gulls leading the series 2-1. No. 8 Salisbury and No. 13 Hamilton played arguably the most entertaining game of their seasons, which ended in a thrilling double overtime finish.

Up against one of the more potent offenses in the country Hamilton needed to bring their A-game. The Continentals got out to an early 5-3 lead with two goals scored by Ashleigh Stephan '15. Salisbury fired back with the first two goals of the second half to tie the score at five. After going back and forth for the rest of the half, Hamilton found themselves on the wrong side of an 8-7 score with less than four minutes left in the game. As the game reached its close the Continentals looked to their leader, none other than Morgan Fletcher '17. With just 1:29 left on the clock, Fletcher scored her 28th goal of the season to tie the game.

PHOTOS BY JOEY GARDNER

The Continentals celebrate after a comeback victory over the Salisbury Sea Gulls in the NCAA Division III Lacrosse Tournament.

Junior Margaret Gabriel sweeps past the Salisbury defense on Saturday.

The first overtime was a dogfight with nobody finding a way to score a goal. Hannah Rubin '17 had two of her 10 saves on the day in this first overtime period. In the second overtime the two teams still could not break through each other's defenses. With 4:12 left in the game the Continentals called a timeout to plan an offensive attack. Just eight seconds after their timeout, Darby Philbrick '18 scored, unassisted, her fifteenth goal of the season to win the game. Philbrick's third goal of the day helped the Continentals take down the defending champions

The Hamilton College women's lacrosse team did not go to the tournament just to play one game. Their eyes are already set on their next game against NESCAC rival Middlebury College. The game will be held on Saturday, May 16th at Gettysburg College. When the two teams met in the regular season the Panthers won 12-10.

The Middlebury Panthers are coming off of a crushing win over MIT with a score of 19-9. Hamilton will not let that discourage them as the look to build off of their momentum after knocking off the tournament favorite Salisbury. Since one of the toughest feats in sports is to defeat the same team twice in one season, the Continentals will be ready for revenge and a chance to make the Elite 8.

Beers with Ben at The Little Pub

by Ben Fields '15
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"Beers with Ben" *features casual interviews with faculty members at the Little Pub.*

This week features **Dean of Students Nancy Thompson drinking Switchback Unfiltered Ale.**

What is your least favorite thing about humanity?
I don't know how to say this: that some people–groups of people–are so incredibly mean, or have the capacity to be just mean. Not everybody, and most people, not at all, but some–surprisingly–can go there. Which is sad.

What is your favorite thing about humanity?
They can be really funny. People have the capacity to be hilarious.

Do you believe in aliens?
Yes. And I'll tell you why and you can sort this out in any way. There was some news recently, photos taken from the Hubble Telescope showing just millions of different galaxies, so there's just gotta be something else going on out there. Probably way cooler than what we've got going on down here. So yeah, if those are aliens I'm thinking there's life out there.

Have you ever been offered a bribe?
I'm sure I have but I can't think of a specific one. I've never taken it. Well, a few… you know I'll buy you a beer if you'll talk to me at the Pub… but that's as bad as it gets.

How did you end up at Hamilton?
I got married and my husband was on his way to graduate school in Arizona. So the deal was, I will go there and the next move will be mine, or at least I could drive it. We were in Arizona, [but our] family is on the East Coast, and then our oldest daughter was born out there, and it was just time to get closer to family. So we were coming back to the East Coast, I was in student affairs and this kind of position was the next thing that I was looking for. So we ended up here, and eventually my husband worked here as well, and it was a great move. It's been a great thing.

What is your favorite thing about Hamilton?
It's beautiful; I mean it's just physically beautiful. But more than that, it's a place where ideas are the currency, I guess. I enjoy that environment. I enjoy our students who are really smart and funny and quirky and generous and, you know, sometimes make mistakes, but I enjoy the whole thing. Mostly, I was thinking as I walked across campus today, it's the ideas. I like the fact that we're wrestling with ideas and moving forward. People are moving forward personally, [and] for the world I think in someway.

What would you change about Hamilton?
Well, I don't mean to be shallow, but the climate. I would make the winter shorter, I think we would be happier if the winter was shorter. That has lots of implications.

If you weren't Dean of Students, what would you be?
I spent sometime with my dad this winter hanging out in hospitals. He was in the hospital and I was hanging out, I thought, I would be in medicine, some aspect of medicine, maybe nursing. Nurses do amazing work.

Describe yourself in three words?
I am fair, patient and tall. .

How would your friends describe you in three words?
They would say I am… they might say I'm funny, but I don't want to sound like whatever that would sound like, but I can be very funny. And they would say I'm kind and tall.

How much did you drink in college?
[Laughs] I drank in college. How much? I drank on weekends, socially. But, I did not drink to the point where I didn't know what was going on. That's the thing that surprises me about students now: how many are willing to just totally not know what's happening. Bad things happen when you don't know what's going on.

What's your all-time favorite TV show?
Probably *Mary Tyler Moore*.

Favorite Disney Character?
Thumper, Tigger, Lumiere—I go for the comic sidekick more than the hero

Favorite Motto?
Leave a place better than you found it. I talked about this once in a convocation speech about beekeeping. Bees definitely do this, but we should too.

What Hamilton faculty or staff member would you want to sing karaoke with?
I should say Lisa Magnarelli. Probably Amy James, because she's a singer.

Who would play you in a biopic about your life?
Probably Mary Tyler Moore circa 1976.

Who is your personal hero?
I would probably say my oldest daughter Liz. My younger daughter Kate might not be happy about that. Liz was a premie, 10 weeks early and had lots of challenges to overcome, and she's done just incredibly well. I admire so much about her.

What dorm would you live in at Hamilton?
Rogers, absolutely Rogers. I wouldn't want to be with 17 other students necessarily, but I think that's a phenomenal residence hall. Just that view would be worth getting up for every morning.

If you could put your office anywhere on the campus, where would you put it?
Well my office was in KJ for the first 20 years that I was here, right where the restrooms are now on the first floor. There was a big plate glass window so Regina and Karen were out there, and then the offices were in the back. It was great because a lot of students stopped by, faculty stopped by, we were on the beaten path more than we are now. So I might put it back in KJ. But I don't want that to sound like I thought that was a bad move, because I don't, I like where we are now, I've got a beautiful office.

What building at Hamilton would you tear down or remodel?
Dunham. I'd take Dunham down and I'd put up a residence hall that worked.

What word would you remove from the English language?
Probably hate.

What superhero would you be, and would you dress up as him or her for a day of work?
For how much money? Well, I love the way Spiderman can fly around–just swing from thing to thing–so I might be Spiderman. I think if I dressed up as Spiderman for a day of work, that might freak people out. So probably not.

What three things would you bring on a desert island?
I would bring a piano, my family, I'd probably bring my iPad.

What's your favorite word?
I can't think of a favorite word.

What's your least favorite word?
Orientate. If it is a word, it shouldn't be. (I know I said hate, but I hate hate as a thing, not actually as a word.)

What turns you on creatively, spiritually or emotionally?
Music and a good story, and when you combine those two it's like a great movie with a good soundtrack.
What turns you off?
Selfishness.

Is there a sound you particularly love?
It's the sound that you hear when you call to renew a prescription at CVS.

Is there a sound you particularly hate?
Loud angry voices.

Do you have a favorite curse word?
Yes… you want me to tell you what it is? I can't tell you what it is, that would be inappropriate, but when I get really angry there is a word I use.

Assume heaven exists, what would you want God to say to you at the pearly gates?
Good job, come on in.

What would he actually say?
What were you thinking?

Have you ever killed a man just to watch him die.
Yes. [laughs] It was last Tuesday. Not that I recall.

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Life without a Hill Card

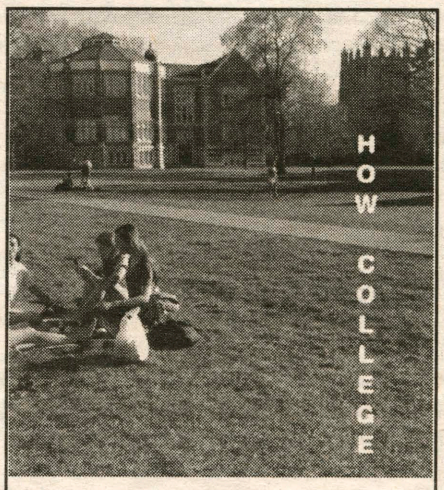
Past *Spectator* editors have graciously reprised their roles to create a section with stories from the real world. *The Spectator* is grateful to the following alumni for giving us a taste of their lives off the Hill.

Making friends after college

by Chris Takacs '05
ALUMNI EDITOR

It's fairly easy to make friends in college, generally speaking. Students are thrown into a sea of other people their age, made to live together in cramped buildings for four years. They eat together, go to class together, party together and so on. Helping people make friends is something residential colleges do quite well, though it's officially just considered a byproduct of the more formal, intellectual goals of higher education.

After college, students are thrown into another sea of people (the inhabitants of the "real world"), and they inevitably find that they aren't making friends at quite the same rate, or with quite the same ease as in college. Students maintain many of the closest relationships they made at Hamilton, but often do so from a distance. If not across the country or state, then across a city. Between work and (eventually) family life, it gets harder and harder to see college friends with anything close to the regularity of college.



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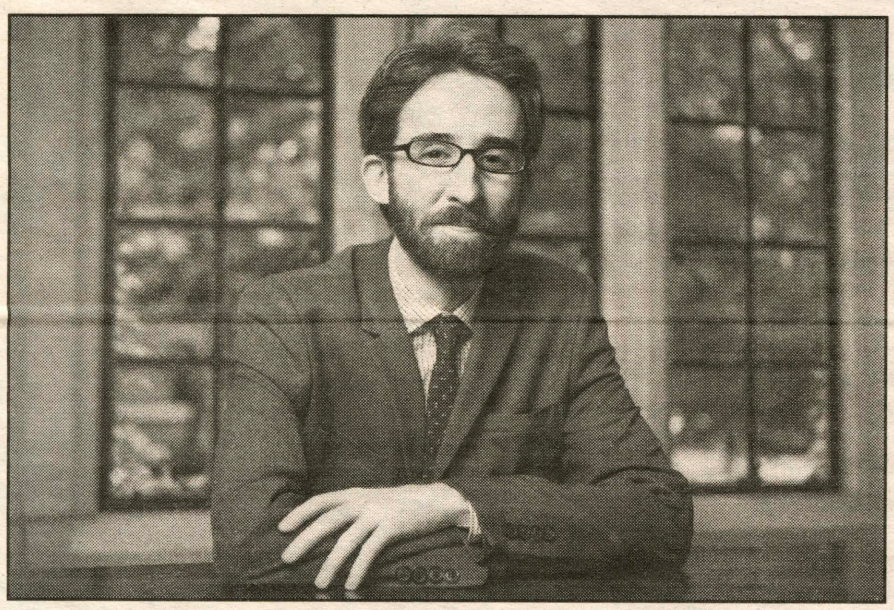
When Professor Dan Chambliss and I studied Hamilton graduates, most agreed: making friends in college came naturally, even for introverts; making friends after college was a lot harder. And many found that the best source of new friends actually came from the Hamilton alumni community itself—people they didn't know well in college who ended up living near them after graduation. Recent graduates also found that friendships tended to develop from "college-like" activities—volunteer groups, book clubs, church choirs, amateur softball leagues. These are the "extracurriculars" of real life. Friendships from work were also common, but for many graduates these were limited by professionalism and office politics. In other words, friends from work are often just friends at work, and not outside of the office.

And so making friends after college amounts to, in some ways, making life after college more like college itself—participating in the kinds of activities that students do: extracurriculars, volunteering, sports, clubs. Surrounding yourself with people of approximately your age with at least one similar interest (the activity you are sharing), on a regular basis. You will hear graduates often say that college was the best time in their life, and the real world is a lot less fun. But with a little work you can make the real world a bit more like college was.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You should drink a lot of coffee

by Kate Tummarello '11
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There is one glaring similarity between college and the real world. You should drink a lot of coffee, or tea, if that's what you're into.

Be willing to get coffee with anyone who seems interesting and smart. They may not have your dream job—they probably don't even have their dream job—but they went from recent college graduate to where they are today and probably picked up a few useful tips along the way.

At first, it feels blatantly self-promotional in a way that makes a lot of people uncomfortable. Why would anyone sacrifice the half hour it takes to wait in line at Starbucks and drink a grande iced latte just to hear you talk about where you're from, your liberal arts education and your five year plan? (Do you have a five year plan? If so, you're ahead of me.)

So think of coffee as a chance to learn about someone else instead of a chance to pitch yourself. Figure out whose career path you want to know more about, and find someone you know to introduce you, Or—if you're brave—approach them at a networking event or email them out of the blue. It sounds creepy, but most grown ups are used to it, and people love the chance to talk about themselves.

Explain what you admire about the job they have or the path they've taken and tell them that you would like to learn more. (I rely heavily on the phrase "pick your brain." If somebody has a better phrase, hit me up.) Include the standard I-know-you're-really-busy-but.

Some people will never respond. Some people will say no. But some people will say yes! And some of the people who say yes will have interesting, helpful things to say and know other interesting, helpful people to introduce you to. Plus you get to drink coffee.

It could be that you and the person sitting across from you fiddling with their coffee stirrer have nothing in common. But maybe they say something that makes you realize you're pursuing the wrong career or open to a job that you never thought you would be interested in. Maybe they say something that makes you realize you're completely on the right track and gives you new ideas about how to get to where you want to be. Or maybe you just get to know someone interesting.

Most importantly, if you live in a city with a lot of Starbucks, sign up for their rewards program. It's no Cafe Opus, but you occasionally get free coffee.

PHOTO BY ZACH BATSON '16

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Advice for the Real World

Go forth, eat Brussels sprouts

by Kathleen McGrory '05
ALUMNI EDITOR

If there is one nugget of wisdom this alumna can impart on you, it is this: Brussels sprouts are awesome.

No, really. They are.

You can sauté them in maple syrup and they taste like candy. You can roast them and add honey and balsamic vinegar. You can tuck them inside layers of macaroni and cheese. And that's not to mention any of the preparations that include bacon.

If there's a lesson here, it's that there is sometimes great value in trying new things.

For most of my life, I was convinced I didn't like Brussels sprouts. They smelled terrible when they steamed in the microwave, and looked like tiny heads of cabbage. There's nothing appetizing about that. When it came to vegetables, I stuck mostly to green beans and carrots, two staples from my childhood.

Enter the sprouts.

One Sunday night a few years ago—I was already deep into my 20s—my then boyfriend surprised me with takeout. The meal: salmon and garlic-roasted Brussels sprouts.

Admittedly, I wasn't thrilled by the vegetable selection. But in the interest of not offending this new guy (who had a lot of potential), I stabbed a Brussels sprout with my fork and popped it in my mouth.

It was, in a word, delicious.

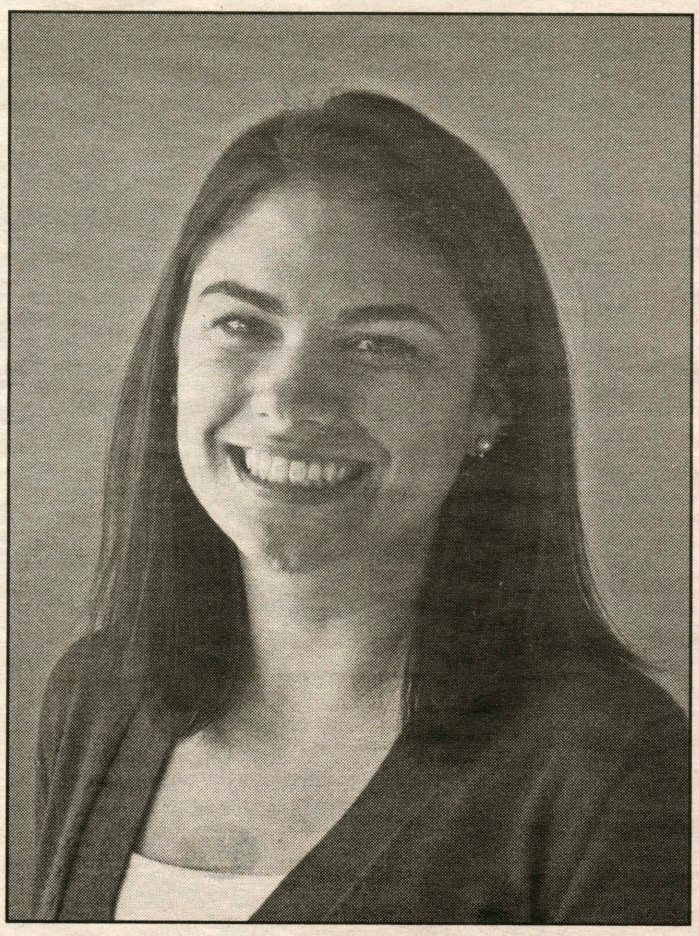
I now cook Brussels sprouts a few times a month. As it turns out, they are loaded with vitamin C and vitamin K, and not bad in the folic acid or fiber departments. What's more, you can avoid the terrible Brussels sprouts smell by not overcooking them. That's sulfur, I think.

A short aside: I also married the guy.

If there's a lesson here, it's that there is sometimes great value in trying new things. (That said, there sometimes is no value whatsoever to trying new things. I'd tell you about the time I tried skateboarding down a five-foot ramp having never tried skateboarding at all, but I'm limited to 500 words. Like anything else, you've got to be judicious about your risks.)

As you leave College Hill and venture into the so-called real world, don't be afraid to eat the Brussels sprouts. Move to a new city. Raise your hand for the big promotion. Join a kickball club.

Any of these things may lead you down an unexpected path. But don't sweat it. Your time at Hamilton has prepared you for the challenges ahead. You might not yet know it, but you've picked up key analytical and critical thinking skills. And anyone who has lived in a Dark Side suite has had to be creative.



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Your Hamilton family will never be far. It may even grow after you graduate. You'll encounter alumni across the country, and discover (sometimes unexpectely) friends and colleages who love Hamilton as much as you do. You may even connect over dinner.

If you do, I suggest you order the Brussels sprouts.

Kathleen McGrory '05 is a staff writer for the Miami Herald. *She was editor-in-chief of The* Spectator *in 2004. Contrary to what she wrote in this article, her biggest leap after Hamilton was moving to Miami. It worked out well for her.*

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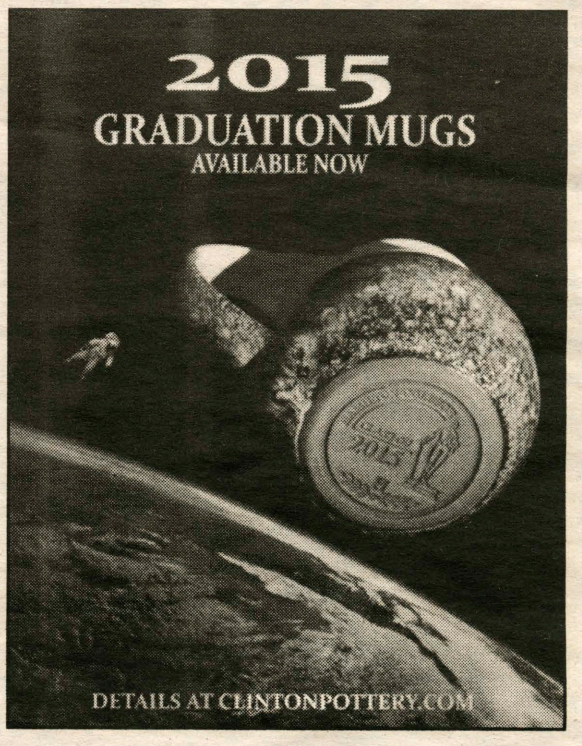

Spectator Seniors

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From left to right: Siranna Santacrose, Kevin Welsh, Sara Kleinman, Shannon O'Brien, Emily Moore, Jack Cartwright, Beth Comatos, Ben Fields, Patrick English

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Beth Comatos

Major: Math
Editorial Jobs: Photo Editor
Favorite Method of Procrastination: "I don't procrastinate. Ever."

"*Joining* The Spectator *editorial staff junior year introduced me to a new group of talented individuals and immersed me in campus culture. It encouraged me to attend talks, readings, concerts and shows on campus that I would have otherwise overlooked. As someone taking primarily quantitative courses, I was able to both express and enhance my creative side over the two years I spent as photo editor.*"

Sara Kleinman

Majors: Art History and French
Editorial Jobs: Advertising Manager
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Eating

"*I joined the* Spec *because I have an interest in advertising and I wanted to know more about the weekly newspaper that I've been reading for four years. After I graduate from Hamilton, I'm definitely going to miss my friends and being able to take really interesting classes with amazing professors.*"

Sirianna Santacrose

Majors: Art History and Hispanic Studies
Editorial Jobs: Sports Editor, Senior Editor, Managing Editor
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Dance parties with my roommates from freshman year

"*My involvement with* The Spectator *over the past four years has given me the opportunity to connect with the Hamilton community in a unique way. I enjoyed speaking with faculty members, staff and students that I may never have met otherwise, and interviewing visitors to campus like Art Spiegelman and Lilly Ledbetter was definitely a highlight. It has been rewarding to be a part of the team that produces Hamilton's weekly newspaper, and I wish the future staff members and writers all the best for next year!*"

Ben Fields

Major: World Politics
Editorial Jobs: Sports Editor, News Editor, Senior Managing Editor, Editor-in-Chief
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Working on *The Spectator*

"*I joined* The Spectator *because it seemed like a fun job, but I never imagined that I would fall in love with the paper and the job. It doesn't seem like it's possible that I've spent the better part of three years working on the paper, but it's been amazing. From the people I've met to the stories I've covered, I couldn't imagine a more fun place to work. I will always hold* the Spec *in my heart, and will undoubtedly remain one of its most devoted readers. Here's to another 166 or 68 or however many years we've been in print!*"

Jack Cartwright

Major: Government
Editorial Jobs: Social Media Editor, News Editor, Editorial Editor, Senior Editor
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Reading political articles online (I'm a nerd), Netflix, Facebook, exercise, etc.

"*I loved working on* The Spectator *during my time at Hamilton. I met so many great friends and got to cover some really interesting topics. Getting involved with* The Spectator *was definitely one of the most rewarding things I've done at Hamilton.*"

Emily Moore

Majors: Philosophy and Classical Studies
Editorial Jobs: Copy Editor, Production Editor
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Tumblr

"*Somehow in the loud, busy, sleep-deprived madness of* The Spectator, *you meet the most amazing people and have the most fun. The late late Wednesday nights are some of my favorite memories at Hamilton. There's something about being up until 2 a.m. eating cold pizza and arguing about capitalization that... I'm just kidding, that's terrible. But we do it because we love the* Spec. *Staff comes and goes but* Spec *is forever!*"

Kevin Welsh

Majors: Government and French
Editorial Jobs: Staff Writer, Editorial Editor
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Tumblr

"The Spectator *has taught me, for better or worse, the world is not black and white. People rarely have outright sinister intentions, and you have to ask a lot of questions to get to the bottom of anything. This has been frustrating when looking for an easy hook, but it's helped me recognize and respect the complicated lives and jobs of everyone on the Hill.*"

Patrick English

Major: Government
Editorial Jobs: Opinion Editor, Senior Editor
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Sporcle

"*I love Hamilton because everybody is so involved in its community. For my first two years, I avoided bigger club positions because I thought it would be hard to do with crew and I didn't know many people on the [*Spec*]. The summer before junior year, I joined and it opened me up to a new group of friends and helped me learn how to edit. If not for the* Spec, *I wouldn't have gotten to know so many great people. I learned that everybody at Hamilton is involved. Somehow we make it all work, keep ourselves sane and have some fun along the way.*"

Shannon O'Brien

Major: American Studies
Editorial Jobs: News Editor, Senior Editor, Managing Editor
Favorite Method of Procrastination: Watching videos of bunnies

"*Working for* The Spectator *has been difficult and frustrating, but I am very glad I became involved. A lot of people on this campus criticize the* Spec, *but they don't have any idea how stressful it is to put a newspaper together every week with a small, unpaid staff at a college that doesn't offer any kind of journalism course. Thanks to all the people who take the time each week—for no money or class credit—to provide a news outlet for Hamilton.*"